

Poet's descendants unveil memorial stone

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Far left: Shan Simpkins and Jonathan James, and their father, David James, a grandson-in-law of the poet; left: Shan Simpkins, Jonathan James, Joanna Jones, and Harri and Daniel Jones

DESCENDANTS of T E Nicholas (Nicias y Glais) travelled to Crugiau Dwy, above Pentregalar, to unveil a memorial stone earlier this month.

The stone was placed on the exact spot where his ashes were scattered in 1971, not far from his family home.

Nicias y Glais lived for most of his life in Aberystwyth, where he was a poet, preacher, dentist and communist who became well-known throughout

Wales.

And with the aid of a Lottery Heritage grant a book has been published entitled *Nithio Neges Nicias* containing letters and articles he wrote.

The stone was unveiled by the poet's great-grandchildren, Shan Simpkins and Jonathan James, and his great-great-great-grandchildren, Harri and Daniel Jones, before a gathering of invited guests.

There was also an exhibition in Hermon Com-

munity Centre which included Eisteddfod chairs, an Eisteddfod Crown and information boards on the life of T E Nicholas.

Following the unveiling ceremony, Cwmni Theatr Bro'r Preseli presented a drama *Mae'r Dydd yn Dod* based on Nicholas' life penned by Gareth Ioan.

Mr Ioan also led a symposium on the activist's life at Capel Antioch.

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